

# Mountain AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 16

## 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,544
Primary Care Physicians	742
Family Practice	330
General Practice	17
Internal Medicine	216
Obstetrics/Gynecology	83
Pediatrics	96
Other Specialties	802
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.5
Federal Physicians**	72

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	314
Dental Hygienists	429

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	7,120
Nurse Practitioners	223
Certified Nurse Midwives	28
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,883

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	140
Optometrists	72
Pharmacists	570
Physical Therapists	406
Physical Therapist Assistants	229
Physician Assistants	221
Podiatrists	19
Practicing Psychologists	161
Psychological Associates	102
Respiratory Therapists	331

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	656,943	148,057	388,855	120,031
Nonwhite	52,090	16,944	30,217	4,929
<b>Total</b>	<b>709,033</b>	<b>165,001</b>	<b>419,072</b>	<b>124,960</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.3%	59.1%	17.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	349,301
Employed 2005	331,538
Unemployed 2005	17,763
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.1
Per Capita Income 2004	\$25,675
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	132,895

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	7,796	Total Pregnancies	9,217	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.1
Resident Deaths	7,809	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,213	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	57.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.2	White	5.3	Nonwhite	13.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup>	78,262	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup>	1,862	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	5,662
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\* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2005; inactive are excluded.

\*\* Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

† Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

†† Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.